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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
**DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

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**August 25, 2005**

**Notice of Proposed Action**

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCP) for the Lone Tree Mine Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs) has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for the renewal of WPCP NEV2000507 is:

Newmont Mining Corporation  
Lone Tree Complex—Lone Tree Mine Rapid Infiltration Basins  
P.O. Box 388  
Valmy, NV 89438-0388

The Lone Tree Mine Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs) are located on public land in Humboldt County, Nevada. The RIBs are located within Sections 16 and 17, Township 34 North, Range 42 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian (MDB&M), approximately 25 miles southeast (by air) of the town of Winnemucca and 7 miles northwest (by air) of the town of Valmy. Land authorization for the operation of the Lone Tree RIBs is through Right-of-Way Grant N-65810.

The purpose of the Lone Tree Mine RIBs is to manage and reintroduce dewatering water from the Lone Tree Mine into the local groundwater basin. The RIB facility consists of five rapid infiltration basins, upgradient and downgradient water quality monitoring wells, infiltration mound elevation piezometers and associated conveyance pipelines, control valves and flow meters. The RIBs are designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in the Permit or in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the water pollution control permit renewal, or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the Permit.

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Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation in the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests no later than September 25, 2005 to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation  
901 S. Stewart St., Room 4001  
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All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this application. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit renewal information and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information contact Rob Kuczynski, P.E. at (775) 687-9441, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900 ext. 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.state.nv.us/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.